

COMMISSION ON CULTURAL COOPERATION

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The American Ambassador to the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Mexico, D.F., December 28, 1948

No. 2787

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to the conversations which have taken place between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and representatives of the Government of the United Mexican States regarding the desirability of promoting closer cultural cooperation between the two countries through cooperative efforts designed to integrate and expand the wide variety of cultural programs and activities of mutual interest which are carried on by the two Governments and by United States and Mexican educational and scientific institutions.

It is my understanding that these conversations have resulted in agreement upon the establishment of a mixed commission, to be called the United States-Mexican Commission on Cultural Cooperation, which shall undertake to promote the integration and expansion of those activities of cultural cooperation which the two countries may consider of mutual interest, in accordance with the following provisions:

1. The Commission shall be composed of three United States members and three Mexican members. The United States members, together with three alternate members, shall be appointed by the Ambassador of the United States of America to the United Mexican States, and the Mexican members, together with three alternates, shall be appointed by the Minister of Education. Members of the Commission shall be selected from persons resident in Mexico who are familiar with United States-Mexican activities in the field of cultural cooperation.

2. The Commission shall meet at least once every three months. The headquarters of the Commission shall be at Mexico, D.F., but meetings of the Commission may be held at appropriate places in either country.

3. The Commission shall have the following duties and functions:

(a) to study and appraise United States-Mexican programs and activities in the field of cultural cooperation of interest to the two countries which are carried on by agencies of the two Governments and by private educational and scientific organizations and institutions;

(b) to recommend to either or both Governments measures for coordinating and improving the operation of current programs and activities in the field of United States-Mexican cultural cooperation;

(c) to recommend to either or both Governments the study and adoption, when appropriate, of new projects for United States-Mexican cultural cooperation;

(d) to advise private educational and scientific organizations and institutions of both countries, when so requested, with respect to methods for improving and expanding their programs and activities in the field of United States-Mexican cultural exchange;

(e) to keep Government agencies and private organizations and institutions which are interested in the development of closer cultural relations between the two countries informed regarding the programs and activities of other agencies, organizations, and institutions having like interests;

(f) to survey the general field of relations pertaining to cultural cooperation between the two countries from time to time and prepare for consideration by the two Governments comprehensive plans for the future development and expansion of such relations.

4. The Commission shall be assisted in the performance of its duties by an Advisory Council. The Council shall be composed of persons who are familiar with matters in the field of cultural cooperation which may interest the two countries, and it shall to the greatest extent possible be representative of the various artistic, literary and scientific fields. The United States members of the Council shall be appointed by the Ambassador of the United States of America to the United Mexican States and the Mexican members by the Minister of Education.

5. As soon as possible after its establishment the Commission shall draw up detailed regulations defining the scope of its activities and providing for the conduct of its meetings and the performance of its duties and functions. These regulations shall become effective immediately upon approval by the two Governments.

6. The present agreement shall remain in effect for a period of three years from the date of its entry into force and shall continue in force thereafter until one of the Governments terminates it by giving to the other

Government notice in writing six months in advance. Such notice may be given six months before the expiration of the initial three-year term or at any time thereafter.

It is understood that participation by either Government in the work of the Commission shall not of itself entail any change in existing procedures for the allocation and expenditure by the agencies of either Government of funds available for use in connection with various United States-Mexican programs of cultural cooperation which are of interest to the two countries.

Upon the receipt of a note from Your Excellency indicating that the foregoing provisions are acceptable to the Government of the United Mexican States, the Government of the United States of America will consider that this note and your reply constitute an agreement between the two Governments on this subject, the agreement to enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's note.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

WALTER THURSTON

His Excellency

Señor DON MANUEL TELLO

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The Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS
UNITED MEXICAN STATES
MEXICO

No. 512322

MEXICO, D.F., August 30, 1949

MR. AMBASSADOR:

I have the honor to refer to Your Excellency's courteous note no. 2787, dated December 28, 1948, and to the conversations which have taken place between representatives of the Government of the United Mexican States and representatives of the United States of America regarding the desirability of promoting closer cultural cooperation between the two countries through cooperative efforts designed to integrate and expand the wide variety of cultural programs and activities of mutual interest which are being carried on by the two Governments and various educational and scientific institutions of Mexico and the United States.

It is my understanding that in these conversations an agreement has been reached to establish a mixed commission, which would be called the "Mexico-United States Commission on Cultural Cooperation," and which will be charged with promoting the integration and expansion of those activities of

cultural cooperation which the two countries may consider of mutual interest, in accordance with the following stipulations:

[For text of stipulations, see numbered paragraphs of U.S. note, above.]

It is understood that participation by either Government in the work of the Commission shall not of itself entail any change in existing procedures for the allocation and expenditure by the agencies of either Government of funds available for use in connection with various United States-Mexican programs of cultural cooperation which are of interest to the two countries.

As Your Excellency states in the note to which I refer, it is agreed that, upon my informing you in the present note that my Government accepts the foregoing provisions, the Government of the United States of America will consider that this note and that of Your Excellency constitute an agreement between the two Governments on this subject which will enter into force as of this date.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

MANUEL TELLO

His Excellency

WALTER THURSTON,

*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America,
City.*